

Table 8.--Principal administrative data for the unemployment and sickness benefit programs, benefit years 2000-2001 through 2004-2005

Item	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Qualified employees.....	277,400	269,900	259,100	248,800	242,200
Maximum daily benefit rate.....	\$48	\$50	\$52	\$55	\$56
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$43,008	\$47,383	\$45,614	\$38,264	\$30,179
Payments:¹					
Number.....	96,100	103,600	96,700	76,400	62,000
Average amount per two week					
claim period.....	\$415	\$429	\$449	\$477	\$489
Beneficiaries.....	16,700	17,800	15,400	11,700	9,300
Applications received.....	20,100	22,000	18,300	14,400	11,700
Claims received.....	118,800	128,500	116,400	91,700	73,700
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	2,200	2,700	2,900	2,400	2,200
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
SICKNESS BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$49,512	\$50,904	\$49,891	\$46,413	\$43,405
Payments:¹					
Number.....	163,200	168,400	160,700	152,700	140,200
Average amount per two week					
claim period.....	\$426	\$445	\$461	\$486	\$496
Beneficiaries.....	23,000	23,000	22,400	21,600	20,200
Applications received.....	28,700	28,100	27,900	26,600	25,100
Claims received.....	189,000	194,000	185,700	176,800	162,700
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	4,500	5,100	4,700	4,500	3,900
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	100	100	100	200	100

¹ Not adjusted for recoveries or settlements of underpayments.

² Benefits are payable for each day of unemployment or sickness in excess of 7 during the first 14-day registration period in a benefit year.

³ Less than 50.

NOTE.--Data covered program activities during the year, regardless of when unemployment or sickness occurred.